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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7,

Daily Thought.
 Drop your indifference and be enthusiastic if you would make a hit with people.

Don't forget the poor. The Philanthropic department of the Woman's club, 214 South Seventh street, will aid you in your benefactions.

One can just read the influence of the morning paper's non-partisan utterances in the result of the Democratic council caucus last night.

How delightfully non-partisan this morning paper has become. We've got its deliverance on the subject of police and fire departments in politics on file for future use.

Since the morning paper is so dissatisfied with the present Democratic police and fire departments, the administration might try a Republican force awhile and see if that will satisfy the opposition.

The death of Mrs. Eddy, and the death of Mark Twain, exposed two big magazine fakes about their being a long time dead and impersonated by others for commercial purposes. It is a pity that one falsehood is heaped upon another, until it is impossible for readers to remember the stories until they are exposed.

THE PAST, THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE.

McCracken county, the smallest of those in Kentucky, containing one of the larger cities, shows the greatest flat increase in population of any, excepting two, between 1900 and 1910, and leads all in percentage of gain. While McCracken county had only 28,733 in 1900, she gained 6,331, Kenton county, containing Covington, which had 63,591 population in 1900 gained only 433 more in population in the decade, and no other county, excepting Jefferson, containing Louisville, gained as many.

Eliminating from comparison, Louisville, whose percentage of gain does not equal Paducah's 22 per cent it would be something to boast that this county led in the percentage of gain alone; but when it is seen that McCracken county not only did that, but actually gained more population than the others in the decade, with nothing, excepting natural advantages to base the increase upon, it requires little to decide the thinking person which city in the state will rank second, at the end of the present decade with five years to grow on after the Burlington bridge is constructed and a half dozen more railroads find this a convenient crossing in their race from the lakes to the gulf.

Here is what the abstract figures show:
 County..... 1900 Gain
 Kenton (Covington)..... 63,591 6,764
 Campbell (Newport)..... 54,223 5,126
 Fayette (Lexington)..... 42,071 5,644
 Daviess (Owensboro)..... 38,667 2,352
 Henderson (lost 3,555) 32,907
 McCracken (Paducah) 28,733 6,331

The 1910 census establishes Paducah's supremacy as the metropolis of western Kentucky. It may be accepted that the county's growth is practically Paducah's growth, and besides the increased population inside the corporation, at least 2,000 may be included in the comparatively new western suburbs. Paducah has gained more than Owensboro and Daviess county together, while Henderson county has lost. Christian county all told gained less than 1,000 and Caldwell county lost, for which those rich farming sections may thank their night rider neighbors.

The census bids us take a retrospective glance. The record of the last year adds to the prophesy of the government's figures. More money has been spent in the last 12 months in buildings in Paducah than in any previous five years of the city's history. Just receive that in your mind and assimilate it. Somebody may knock your town in your presence, and it will be worth your while to refute the aspersion with facts.

Paducah possesses the tallest office building in Kentucky—not excepting Louisville—with, perhaps, as great floor space as any, possibly excepting the Paul Jones' building in Louisville. The City National building will overtop anything Louisville can produce, though she possesses a structure, comprising the same number of stories.

Just total up the City National building \$250,000; the First National building \$60,000; the Elks Apartments \$45,000; the new cen-

GROWTH OF KENTUCKY COUNTIES.

The figures given out by the census bureau showing Kentucky's population to be 2,289,905, an increase of 147,731, or 6.6 per cent, over the population of 2,142,174 in 1900, show decreases in the following counties: Bath, 746; Boone, 1,750; Bourbon, 607; Bracken, 1,829; Bullitt, 115; Butler, 91; Caldwell, 447; Carlisle, 1,057; Carroll, 1,715; Crittenden, 1,895; Elliott, 573; Fleming, 1,008; Gallatin, 466; Garrard, 148; Grant, 2,658; Green, 384; Hancock, 102; Hardin, 241; Harrison, 1,697; Hart, 217; Henderson, 3,555; Henry, 904; Knox, 63; Lewis, 981; Livingston, 727; Logan, 1,017; Mason, 1,835; Meade, 750; Menefee, 665; Mercer, 363; Nicholas, 1,351; Owen, 3,305; Pendleton, 2,962; Powell, 175; Robertson, 779; Scott, 1,120; Shelby, 209; Simpson, 164; Todd, 883; Trimble, 760; Union, 1,440; Washington, 242; Woodford, 563.

The comparative statement of the population of the state by counties follows:

Counties.	1910.	1900.
Adair.....	16,503	14,888
Allen.....	14,882	14,657
Anderson.....	10,146	10,051
Barran.....	12,690	10,761
Barren.....	25,293	23,197
Bath.....	13,968	14,734
Bell.....	28,447	15,701
Boone.....	9,420	11,170
Bourbon.....	17,462	18,069
Boyd.....	23,444	18,834
Boyle.....	14,668	13,817
Bracken.....	10,308	12,187
Breathitt.....	17,540	14,322
Breckinridge.....	21,934	20,534
Bullitt.....	9,487	9,002
Butler.....	15,305	15,896
Caldwell.....	14,062	14,510
Calloway.....	19,867	17,633
Campbell.....	59,369	54,223
Carlisle.....	9,048	10,106
Carroll.....	8,110	9,825
Carter.....	21,966	20,228
Casey.....	15,479	15,133
Christian.....	39,845	37,962
Clark.....	17,987	16,694
Clay.....	17,789	15,364
Clinton.....	8,153	7,871
Crittenden.....	13,296	15,191
Cumberland.....	9,846	8,962
Daviess.....	41,020	38,667
Edmonson.....	10,469	10,080
Elliott.....	9,814	10,387
Estill.....	12,273	11,669
Fayette.....	47,715	42,071
Fleming.....	16,068	17,074
Floyd.....	18,623	15,552
Franklin.....	21,135	20,852
Fulton.....	14,114	11,546
Gallatin.....	4,697	5,163
Garrard.....	11,894	12,042
Grant.....	10,581	13,239
Graves.....	33,539	33,204
Grayson.....	19,958	19,878
Green.....	11,871	12,255
Greenup.....	18,475	15,422

tral fire station \$30,000; the new "Five's" fire station, \$7,000; Custom house addition \$25,000; the Friedrich apartments, \$20,000; the Jefferson apartments on Jefferson street, the practical rehabilitation of Broadway fronts and the construction of numerous residences, and the whole will approximate so closely a half million actual expenditure, that the figures ought to choke Paducah croakers into silence.

We'll hazard the prediction that annual reports will show Paducah spent more money on buildings than any other city on the Ohio river, excepting Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and Louisville. This challenge is extended to Marietta, Portsmouth, Newport, Covington, Owensboro, Evansville, Henderson and Cairo.

Some people think Paducah was hard hit by the panic, and she was. But so were all other cities in the country, and they are fighting against the same backward drift, those who seldom get out of town, feel so strongly in Paducah. Yet Paducah had no bank failures; she led every city on the Ohio river in percentage of increase in population, excepting Pittsburgh and Evansville; and she led all in building, excepting Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and Louisville, and probably led them in the percentage of increase in the expenditures. She absolutely led the cities of Kentucky in percentage of gain in population, led all but two of them in the actual flat increase, and while the state at large showed a gain of only 6.6 per cent, Paducah and her county gained 22 per cent.

Yet Paducah has felt no growing pains; no flush of suddenly awakened prosperity; no boom of any kind. Up to this time, there has been nothing extraordinary to stimulate trade and real estate. Those who grind day after day, actually begin to feel that Paducah must be getting smaller. Only those whose business feels the strain of meeting the increased demands of business, know, as the mother who makes the clothes knows her child is growing, that Paducah is expanding. The rest of us can tell she is growing only as we see the census figures every ten years, compare them with other cities, and compute the total of building operations for the year. You can't misconstrue the story they tell, tell.

With this as the present and past, Paducah looks forward to a future that should be brilliant. While a half million dollars have been spent in building, the last year, and the census shows her growing beyond other cities of the state and section, a new railroad has entered the city; and construction camps far away toward the Atlantic seaboard, the Gulf of Mexico and the great lakes are operating with Paducah and the Me-

Hancock.....	8,512	8,914
Hardin.....	22,696	22,937
Harrison.....	10,566	9,838
Hart.....	16,873	18,570
Henderson.....	18,173	18,390
Henry.....	29,352	32,907
Hickman.....	13,716	14,620
Hopkins.....	11,750	11,745
Hopkins.....	34,291	30,995
Jackson.....	10,734	10,561
Jefferson.....	262,920	232,549
Jessamine.....	12,613	11,925
Johnson.....	17,482	13,730
Kenton.....	70,355	68,591
Knox.....	10,791	8,704
Knox.....	22,116	17,372
Larue.....	10,701	10,764
Laurel.....	19,872	17,592
Lawrence.....	20,067	19,612
Lee.....	9,531	7,988
Letcher.....	9,976	6,753
Letcher.....	10,623	9,172
Lewis.....	16,887	17,868
Lincoln.....	17,897	17,959
Livingston.....	10,627	11,354
Logan.....	24,977	25,994
Lyon.....	9,423	9,319
McCracken.....	35,064	28,733
McLean.....	13,241	12,448
Madison.....	26,951	25,697
Magoffin.....	13,654	12,206
Marion.....	16,330	16,200
Marshall.....	15,771	13,692
Martin.....	7,291	5,780
Mason.....	18,611	20,446
Meade.....	9,783	10,333
Menefee.....	6,153	6,418
Mercer.....	14,063	14,426
Metcalfe.....	10,453	9,988
Monroe.....	13,663	13,053
Montgomery.....	12,868	12,834
Morgan.....	16,259	12,792
Muhlenberg.....	28,598	20,741
Nelson.....	16,830	16,587
Nicholas.....	10,601	11,952
Nicholas.....	27,642	27,287
Ohio.....	7,248	7,098
Oldham.....	14,248	17,353
Owen.....	7,979	6,874
Owsley.....	11,985	14,947
Pendleton.....	11,255	8,276
Perry.....	31,679	22,686
Pike.....	6,268	6,442
Powell.....	35,986	31,293
Robertson.....	4,121	4,900
Rockcastle.....	14,472	12,416
Rowan.....	9,438	8,277
Russell.....	10,861	9,695
Scott.....	16,956	18,976
Shelby.....	18,041	18,340
Simpson.....	11,460	11,624
Spencer.....	7,567	7,406
Taylor.....	11,961	11,075
Todd.....	16,488	17,371
Trigg.....	14,539	14,073
Trimble.....	6,512	7,272
Union.....	19,886	21,326
Warren.....	30,579	29,978
Washington.....	13,940	14,128
Wayne.....	17,518	14,892
Webster.....	20,974	20,997
Whitley.....	31,982	25,015
Wolfe.....	8,864	8,764
Woodford.....	12,571	13,134

A Tribute to Paducah Women.
 It seems to me that the citizens of Paducah have more cause to be proud of her women than any other people I know of. There is nothing needed real bad in the city that they do not go right in and obtain it for us. I have been thinking since I have been acting health officer of the city that if Paducah just had a hospital or some place where we could take our children when sick with contagious diseases where they could receive the very best of care by trained nurses, that we could then exclaim eureka, and before I have time to think again the good women of the hospital league are at work getting it up and I am told by them that they will build it themselves if the city will furnish the lot and maintain it afterwards. I am sure the city will accept that proposition, and in fact meet them half way with a nice donation to assist them in this, which is so badly needed here at this time. I feel sure that each ward or room will be endowed by private donations so that the city will not have that expense to care for. In fact, I will pledge the women to do this if the city will come forward right away, as it should and help erect the place at once; and I will say now that they had just as well do it for the women are in earnest and they intend to have this place and there is no pay in trying to obstruct their plans. Many little lives will be saved in the city each year and many parents will be made glad and all on account of our noble women.
 S. Z. HOLLAND, Health Officer.

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PALMER HOUSE—Dan. O. Gregory, Kuttawa; A. W. Lucas, Waverly, Tenn.; R. L. Shemwell, Benton;

Humor and Philosophy
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PERT PARAGRAPHS.

SOME people don't believe in taking chances. Although the chances are 1 in 10,000,000 that the earth will be struck by a comet, every time a new comet is hailed some persons have to send for the doctor.

It is a good thing that the census is taken only once in ten years. The disappointment, if suffered oftener, might prove too much for some weak hearts in thriving towns.

Trying to coax a balky automobile up a steep incline makes a man wish for the good old days of horseful carriages.

The boy who tells his father a tale of guilelessness and gets away with it thinks the old man must have been an awful mollycoddle when he was a kid.

A clear, cool day is most annoying to a woman whose only lightweight wrap is a raincoat.

There is more pleasure in pursuit than possession, especially if your butterfly turns out to be a hornet.

When the furnace balks, the electricity gets off the track and the hired girl leaves all in one evening a woman discovers that life is several strenuous things at once.

Practical.
 "I am down to my last penny," said the street mendicant, addressing a man who looked as though he might have money and sympathy, "and I don't know what to do."

"Only have one penny left?"
 "That is all."

"There is a box around the corner that you can drop it into and get a stick of gum."

Conscientious.
 "Why don't you go to work?"
 "What? Me?"
 "Yes."

"I am maintaining a principle."
 "What principle?"
 "It will seem were I to go to work as if I were encouraging the lazy fellows in their idleness by doing work that they should do."

Too Practical.
 Oh, art is long and time is fleeting. And doubtful is the game. For poets must subsist by eating. Now, isn't it a shame?

Must Start Somewhere.
 "I hear your son is a painter."
 "Yes, he dabbles in it some."
 "I want to get a barn painted this fall. Send him over."
 "He doesn't paint barns, thank you!"
 "Oh, I see! Just a beginner. Maybe they only let him paint fences."

Not So Easy.
 "The hardest part of his work is drawing the salary."
 "Must be a snap."
 "You wouldn't say so if you knew about it."

"What is the worst?"
 "There is no salary to draw."

A Slam.
 "I rather admire foolish people."
 "You do?"
 "Yes."
 "But don't you hate to lay yourself open to the charge of gross egotism?"

Strenuous.
 "I never worry over spilt milk."
 "You don't?"
 "I don't."
 "What do you do about it?"
 "Go after the fellow who spilt it."

Curious.
 "He says he is self made."
 "I wonder."
 "What do you wonder?"
 "Where he found a pattern small enough."

Bad Man For That.
 "He is stupid and honest."
 "What a man to hang a jury!"

Yearning.
 I want to be a granger—
 So run an ancient ditty
 By one who was a stranger
 To aught except the city,
 Who had a peek of notions
 That farmers' ways consisted
 In going through the notions
 And coming home fat fisted.

He thought of grayly hoeing
 Tomatoes tall and waving,
 Of singing songs and moving
 The laws that needed shaving.
 Of getting bees in training
 To fill his pail with honey
 And from their efforts gaining
 A load of easy money.

For him the plot would thicken
 Until it was a winner
 If he could raise a chicken
 Already cooked for dinner
 And pick his bread and butter
 On little bushes cunning.
 So visitors would mutter,
 "My, isn't it just stunning?"

Then he for scenes exciting,
 Out where the grass is waving,
 Where plenty comes a-sitting
 And properly behaving!
 That was the way he put it
 When by the thought enchanted,
 But back he had to foot it
 Before the crops were planted.

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